

It is the media's responsibility to provide the public with unbiased and well-researched information. How is the public expected to use the media as a reliable and trustworthy resource when large corporations have absolute power and sway in what is selected to air? An example of this is Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a dangerous and sneaky way in which consolidated media influences the world we live in today.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. I find it very sad when we are forced to rely on the media of foreign countries to learn the truth about what is happening in the United States.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.